

letters to both O'Connor and Kitto. Fowler thanked O'Connor for the introduction to Kitto and "the good discussion on how we might reach out further to the American Indian community." Fowler expressed appreciation to Kitto for his "leadership . . . in the American Indian community," and his "ongoing support." Kitto's subsequent report of the event was more specific as to the Hudson matter, however. In his March 27, 1995, status report to the St. Croix, Kitto wrote that Fowler and DSCC official Rita Lewis (with whom O'Connor and Kitto had a separate meeting on March 15):

both said that they would communicate with the White House, at the appropriate time, about the political affect [sic] this proposal could have on the 1996 Presidential and Senatorial campaigns that are just now being launched.

There is no direct evidence of any further contact with Fowler by O'Connor and Kitto prior to April 28, 1995. In the meantime, though, Fowler did have occasion to take note of the massive financial capacity and Democratic support of the Pequots. A March 30, 1995, briefing memo to Fowler stated: "[t]he Pequot Tribe have been very generous to the [DNC] in terms of donations. Skip Hayward . . . has given \$325,000 in reportable donations and \$250,000 in directed donor dollars." In fact, both figures understate the actual Pequot contributions to that point in time, but they reflect the minimum level of documented information Fowler had received about gaming tribes' contributions to the DNC.

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to Fowler and discussed fund-raising from American Indians.